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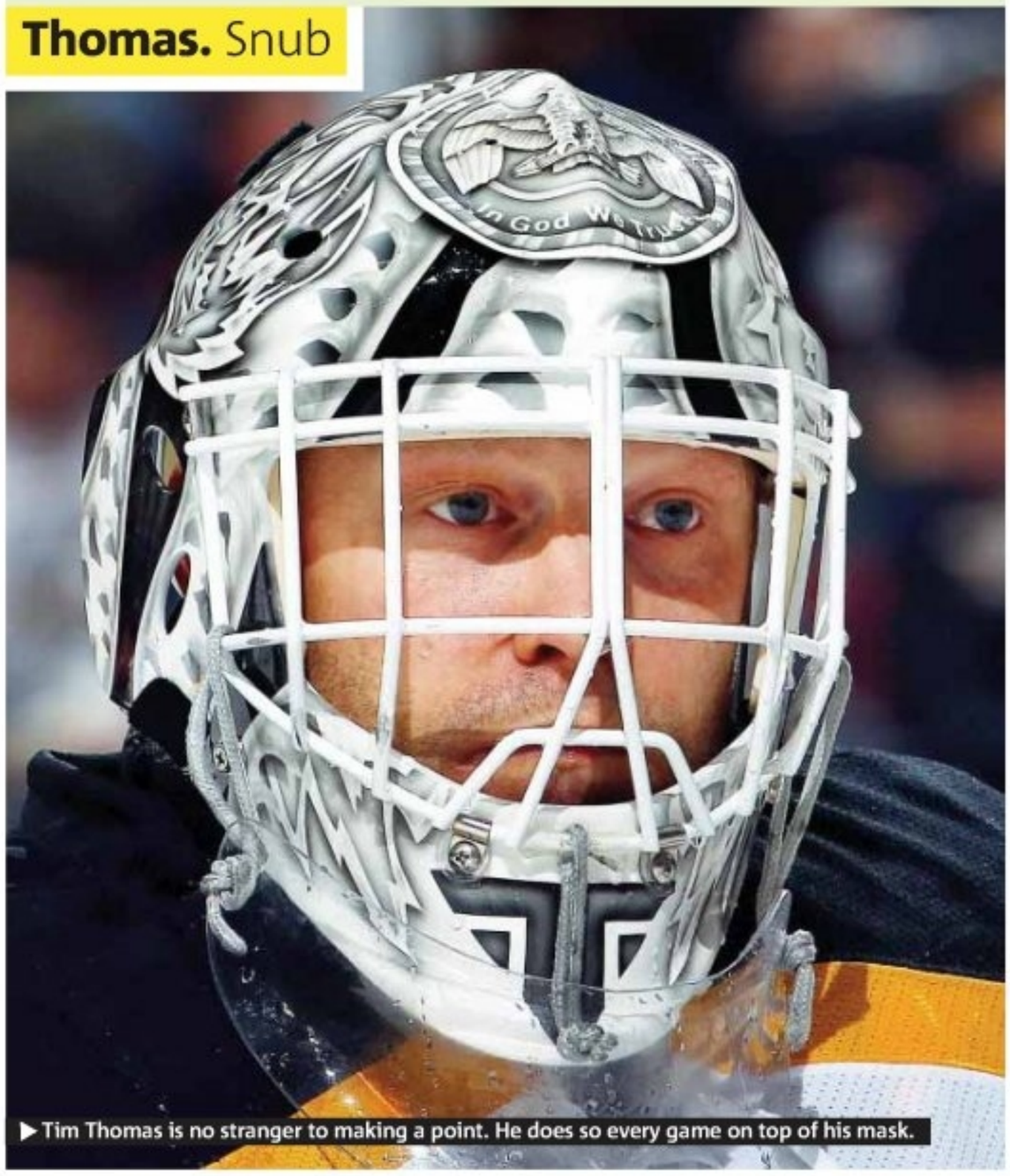

▶ Tim Thomas is no stranger to making a point. He does so every game on top of his mask.

Goalie refuses to go to White House

The next save Bruins goalie Tim Thomas has to make is apparently of his reputation. The MVP of last year's Stanley Cup Finals is taking a lot of heat for skipping a team appearance with President Barack Obama at the White House yesterday. The Bruins were being honored for winning the Stanley Cup last year. Those angered by the goalie's snub posted rants on Twitter and his Facebook page. Thomas responded that he excercised his right as a citizen. {page 17}

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BU students still hospitalized after fire

Boston University officials are educating students about fire safety after two off-campus blazes in the past week resulted in serious injuries and left 18 students homeless.

A massive fire overtook an Allston apartment building on Sunday, causing the emergency evacuation of eight residents including two students who jumped from a second story window to escape the flames, according to Boston fire officials.

The two students are still hospitalized, but are expected to survive, said Steve MacDonald, a fire department spokesman.

University officials have posted fire safety tips on the school's website and in the student newspaper in light of the recent fires, said BU spokesman Colin Riley.

A fire in Brookline last week left 10 BU Law students homeless.

A student caught in the Allston blaze phoned his parents before the fire department on Sunday.

The student's mother then called BU police, according to BU Today.

The call prompted officials to reiterate to students that 911 should be the first call in an emergency, said Riley.

School officials have offered on-campus housing, food, clothing and other essentials to the students.

CHRISTINA WALLACE

Still no cause

Fire officials are still investigating the cause of the blaze, which resulted in $500,000 in damage.

The house is destroyed, making the investigation more difficult, according to fire officials.

▶ Remains of the Allston fire

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In the news

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The 1964 Cadillac hearse that carried President John F. Kennedy's body to Air Force One after his assassination in Dallas was sold at an Arizona auction this past weekend, according to The Arizona Republic. A real estate investor from Colorado bought the car. The auction company Barrett-Jackson hosted the car auction.

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Today's local tweet

"Also why are there SO many skinny hipster guys in Boston? Where are all the rich athletic businessmen #beefup #hopeless"

@THE_MISSLYSS, ON HER PERCEPTION OF BOSTON MEN

T crime up in 2011, stats show

It was a good news, bad news year for train riders in 2011. Transit police released year-end crime statistics yesterday that revealed while there was a slight decrease of violent crime in 2011 compared to 2010, property crimes saw a 26 percent spike. Bicycle and cellphones were among the top items stolen from riders, T Police Chief Paul MacMillan said.

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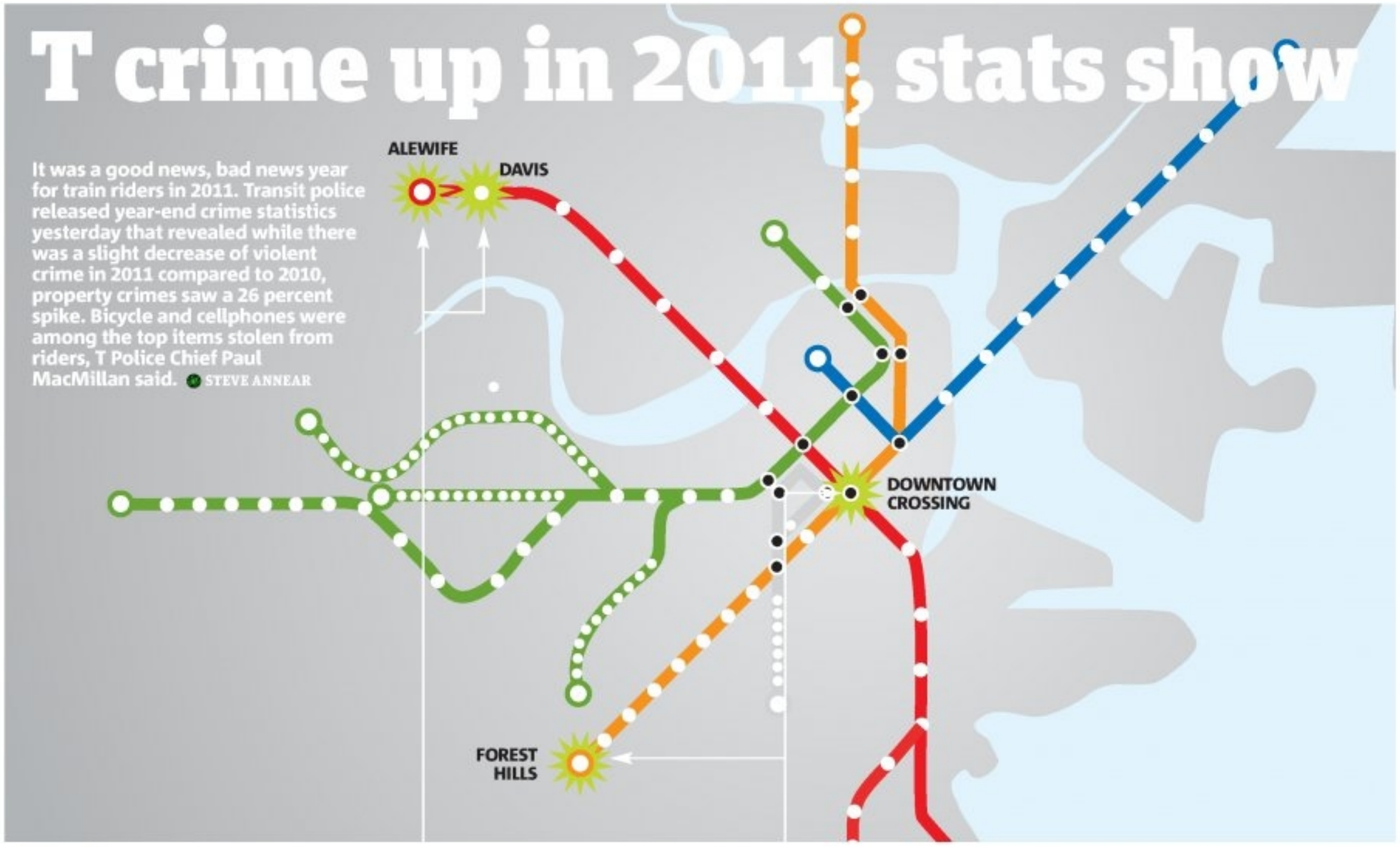

"Most thefts occur when people are into their cellphones and they are texting or listening to music and not paying attention." MACMILLAN

Alewife station

Bicycle theft at the Red Line's Alewife station continues to plague both riders and police.

Due to a high volume of people peddling to the station and a lack of spaces for them to properly lock up their bikes, police are reminding riders to be cautious.

"We have far exceeded the capacity to hold bikes in an appropriate manner," said T Police Chief Paul MacMillan.

Alewife had the fifth highest serious crime total.

Serious crime at Davis increased to 23 incidents.

Downtown Crossing

While the number of reported assaults at the downtown MBTA stop declined from 2010 to 2011, there was an uptick in overall serious incidents.

Thirty-eight serious crimes were reported to Transit Police at Downtown Crossing last year, compared to 24 in 2010. There were 21 robberies in 2011.

Serious incidents at Forest Hills also increased last year.

In 2011, 40 incidents were reported, up from 30 in 2010.

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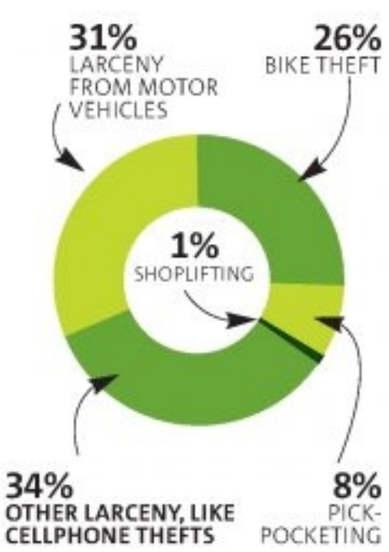
Property crimes on the MBTA saw a 26 percent spike in 2011 over the previous year, according to T police. The thefts of bicycles, catalytic converters, items inside motor vehicles and cell phones — especially smart phones — continue to be a concern for Transit police.



Brockton man faces arrest for teen's murder from Nov. 2007

Police arrest man who allegedly gunned down teen leaving school

Andre McNeil allegedly waited until David Jones left school so he could join him on his walk home in order to kill him.

That's what prosecutors said happened on Nov. 14, 2007, charging McNeil with the murder of the 17-year-old and illegal gun possession. McNeil, 22, pleaded not guilty during his arraignment yesterday and was ordered held without bail.

The arrest comes four years after the murder because investigators were able to secure corroborating forensic evidence and confirm "other idiosyncratic details," according to the Suffolk district attorney's office.

McNeil formerly attended Madison Park High School in Roxbury where Jones was a recent transfer student at the time of the shooting.

Prosecutors said McNeil waited across the street from the school until students were dismissed for the day. The young men met up at some point and walked away from the school together, authorities said. They got a few blocks away and shots rang out near Bartlett Street. That's where emergency crews found Jones with gunshot wounds.

After the shooting, McNeil allegedly "was on the phone reporting to his associates what he had done," prosecutors said.

McNeil is due back in court March 7.

"Some cases are solved in hours and some cases, like this one, are solved in years. I hope others will realize that Boston Police and Suffolk prosecutors don't quit when it comes to these cases."

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Sports. Domestic violence

▶ College hockey players joined officials to end spousal abuse.

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Beanpot schools put their rivalries on hold and joined together yesterday to end violence against women. State officials and players from BC, BU, Harvard and Northeastern participated in the annual White Ribbon campaign, which aims to stop sexual assault and domestic violence. METRO

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▶ Hundreds gathered to voice their opposition during yesterday's MBTA fare and service change public hearing.

T protesters say 'hell no' to fare hike, cuts

Lynn resident C.C. Yanakakis thinks the MBTA services are a lifeline for those who need to travel to area hospitals and jobs.

Without them, communities will die, he said.

"[It's] like blood flowing through the arteries," Yanakakis told top transportation officials at a jam-packed public hearing yesterday.

The crowd roared with applause.

Yanakakis was flanked by hundreds of protesters who took to the streets prior to the public meeting as part of a rally against the T's proposed fare increases and service cuts.

The rally started on Beacon Hill and ended at the State Transportation Building.

"The [T] is an economic engine. Cutting services will be devastating, and it doesn't solve any long-term financial issues," said Emerson student Micaela Preskill.

Swarms of protesters crowded the steps of the State House alongside Preskill, including legislators from both Somerville and Cambridge.

"Transportation is as important as any public utility—like electricity and clean water," said State Rep. Denise Provost, D-Somerville.

Provost called the proposed cuts crippling, claiming communities can't survive without public transit.

Outside the doors of the hearing, acting MBTA General Manager Jon Davis apologized to those who couldn't get in.

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Crowd control

- **Police standing at the doors of the State Transportation Building** took signs from protesters before they entered. They said having signs was "solicitation."
- **MBTA employees were stationed outside of the main meeting room** due to overcrowding to take public testimony from those who couldn't get in.
- **More than 50 people were sent to an impromptu meeting room** due to a lack of seats in the hearing room.
- **MBTA staff skipped the presentation** and cut straight to comments from those at the hearing because of public outbursts.

News in brief

Boston No. 1 for walking, biking

BOSTON. Bostonians must have some killer leg muscles because the city was ranked first in the nation for most active bikers and walkers.

According to a report released yesterday by the Alliance for Biking & Walking, no other city was on the Hub's heels when it came to getting around town with alternative methods of transportation.

The city ranked eighth safest for bicyclists. METRO

BC must turn over IRA material

BOSTON. A federal judge ruled Friday that Boston College must turn over interview transcripts and recordings from an oral history project on sectarian killings in Northern Ireland to federal prosecutors in Boston, according to The Boston Globe.

However, it is not clear if that material will be turned over to British authorities who are seeking it. The project's directors argued that would endanger lives as those who were interviewed were promised anonymity until they died. METRO

Patrick seeks college change

BOSTON. Control over the state's 15 community colleges would be consolidated under a plan Gov. Deval Patrick announced during his State of the Commonwealth address last night. SHNS

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By Dr. C. Hammoud Ph.D.

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Former front-runner Romney fights fire with fire, gets into the negative attack game Hits Gingrich hard on character issues Gingrich hits back

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney yesterday sharpened his attacks on rival Newt Gingrich's business past and character ahead of a crucial debate in which Romney needs a strong performance to recharge his bid for the White House.

Romney blasted Gingrich yesterday as an erratic politician who has switched positions "almost like a pinball machine," in a toughening of his rhetoric to try to halt his chief rival's surprising momentum.

Seeking to regain his footing after losing Saturday's South Carolina primary badly to Gingrich, Romney challenged the former speaker of the House of Representatives to return the $1.6 million in consulting fees he made from Freddie Mac and detail the work he performed for the troubled mortgage giant.

"I think as you look at the speaker's record over time, it's been highly erratic. He's gone from pillar to post almost like a pinball machine, from item to item in a way which is highly erratic." ROMNEY

It looked to be a tit-for-tat "disclosure" tactic on Romney's part after Gingrich effectively attacked him last week for not releasing his tax returns. Romney, who is worth some $270 million, will disclose two years of returns today.

New opinion polls show that Gingrich has now jumped into the lead in Florida ahead of the state's pivotal Jan. 31 primary, the fourth contest in the state-by-state battle for the Republican nomination to face President Barack Obama, a Democrat, in the Nov. 6 election.

A Rasmussen Reports telephone survey of likely Republican voters put Gingrich on top of Romney by 9 percentage points and an Insider Advantage poll showed Gingrich with a lead of 8 percentage points.

Romney hit Gingrich hard on character issues. He warned Republicans that there might be enough baggage in Gingrich's past that could hurt the party's chances of taking back the White House from Obama. Romney's campaign also released a TV ad to criticize Gingrich's Freddie Mac ties and link them to Florida. REUTERS

Gingrich gets even

WASHINGTON. Just as Romney was on the defensive over taxes last week, Gingrich had to explain his Freddie Mac role.

In an interview on ABC's "Good Morning America", Gingrich said Romney was not being honest when he called him a "lobbyist" for Freddie Mac. Gingrich also said he would work to get his consulting contract with Freddie Mac released.

"I did no lobbying, period," Gingrich said. "He keeps using the word 'lobbyist' because I'm sure his consultants tell him it scores well." REUTERS

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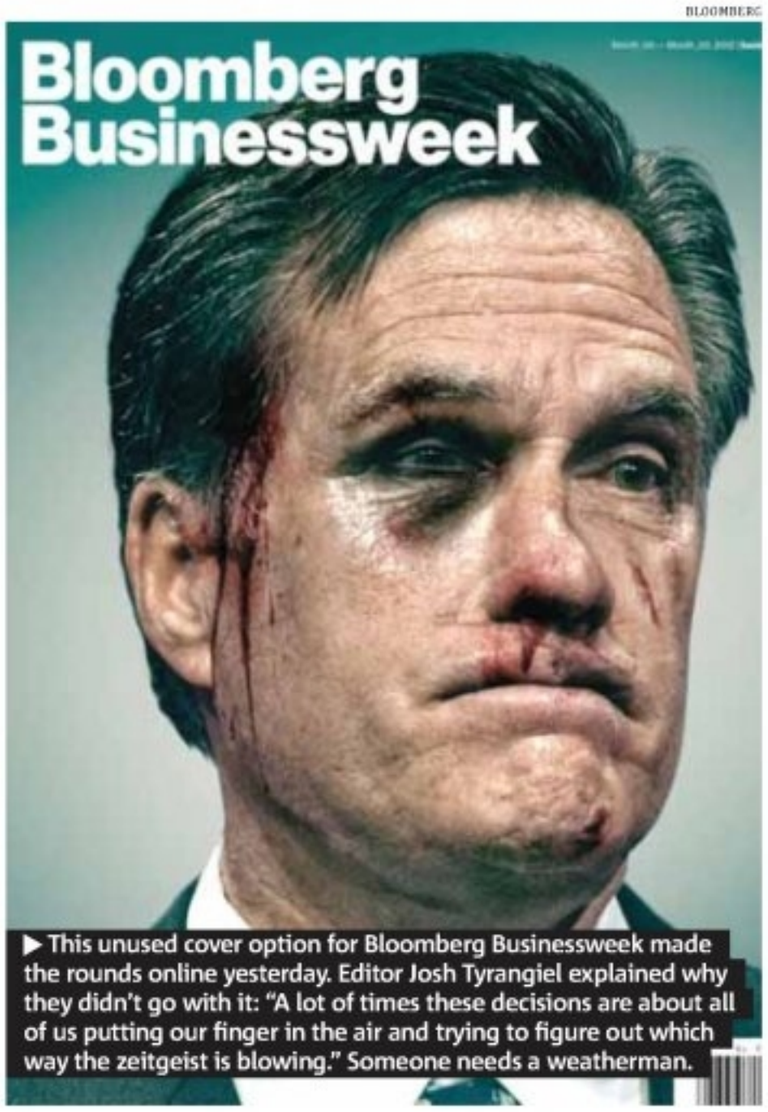

▶ This unused cover option for Bloomberg Businessweek made the rounds online yesterday. Editor Josh Tyrangiel explained why they didn't go with it: "A lot of times these decisions are about all of us putting our finger in the air and trying to figure out which way the zeitgeist is blowing." Someone needs a weatherman.

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Crossing the aisle: Obama's mistake?

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▶ President Obama will likely work to repair the damage to his brand in tomorrow's night's State of the Union speech.

Last night the four Republican presidential hopefuls still left standing met in Tampa, Fla., for the 18th debate of the campaign cycle, and we're sure it was a doozy. Former front-runner Mitt Romney, buffeted by attacks from the tricky Newt Gingrich, must take control of the narrative and go on the offensive. We predict a rumble.

However, the debate runs too late for our analysis, which will instead run tomorrow. Today we're going to address a New Yorker article by reporter Ryan Lizza that chronicles the death of hope in President Obama's first three years of rule as the Chicago newcomer's much-ballyhooed post-partisanship crashed headfirst into the messy realities of Washington gridlock.

In this analysis, reformer Obama grossly underestimated the nature of U.S. two-party politics, in which a win for one party — and perhaps the country at large — may be perceived by the opposition party as a big loss (and therefore scuttled) regardless of its potential to improve the lot of regular Americans; and in which a hyperpartisan national media infrastructure can effectively motivate negative public opinion in support of special interests.

In short, the system — as we all now, irrespective of party affiliation, seem hopelessly aware — is broken at the core. When potentially beneficial legislation is viewed in Washington through the prism of future electoral chances; when, in other words, good ideas are killed off solely owing to the perception that they could aid rival politicians come next November; when elected officials weigh their own upcoming contests more heavily then the general welfare of the American people; what we get are politicians looking to benefit not "we the people" but "me the candidate."

Obama, of course, did not create this system, but he does seem to have run aground of it. And if he wants to win re-election, he'll have to work with it.

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Slip of the tongue — or straight talk?

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THE BIG ISSUE

WITH METRO'S **CASSANDRA GARRISON**

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After accusations of rape, spying and brutality, public faith wavers in the NYPD Yes, the nation's largest police force has prevented 14 terrorist attacks since 9/11 But the department has also been hit by several scandals that risk harming New Yorkers' confidence in police

CAN WE STILL CALL THEM NY'S FINEST?

Last year was a rocky one for the NYPD. The largest police force in the U.S. at 34,500 officers strong was consistently under scrutiny for highly publicized scandals and shocking revelations. Rape accusations against police, a ticket-fixing scandal, reporters arrested while covering Occupy Wall Street — with each embarrassing headline, New York's Finest damaged its once record-high level of trust among the public.

In a post-9/11 world, New Yorkers willingly put their faith in the NYPD to protect them from another attack by any means necessary. Approval rating of the police force among the public was a soaring 76 percent in February 2002, according to a Quinnipiac poll. The NYPD has taken a swift and effective approach to terrorism, and there has not been another attack on its watch in 10 years. In fact, the overall approval of the NYPD remains exceptionally high, wavering between 60 and 69 percent.

But it's when voters are polled on more specific issues, including headline-making scandals like the shooting death of Sean Bell and force used against Occupy Wall Street protesters, that a growing public mistrust begins to reveal itself. For example, in October of 2011, at the height of OWS, voters were split 46 to 45 percent in their approval of the way police handled the Wall Street protests.

"Officers risk their lives every day and the NYPD has been top-notch in protecting this city from terror attacks, both of which we all recognize and deeply appreciate," said City Councilman Jumaane Williams, who represents Flatbush. "Where trust has taken a serious hit is in people's day-to-day lives."

Quoted

"There is no independent agency to perform oversight; the NYPD tells us everything is OK, and we are expected to believe it — no matter how many incidents point to the contrary."

JUMAANE WILLIAMS

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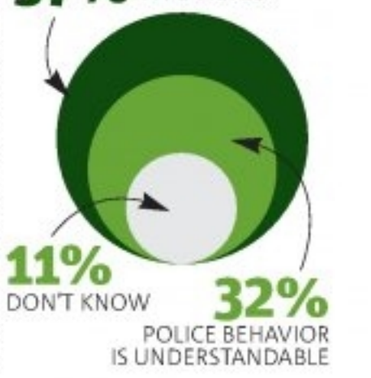
Poll

How do you feel about the shooting death of Sean Bell?



Williams had his own run-in with police in 2011, when he was arrested at the West Indian Day Parade. Cops said Williams didn't follow requests to stay behind police tape, but Williams, who is African-American, said he was a target of racial profiling, something that he said happens far too often in police work.

"We hear stories about a bad apple here and there, and the fact is we now have a bumper crop of bad apples," Williams said.

One of the most shocking incidents to come out of 2011 was the trial of officers Kenneth Moreno and Frank Mata who were charged with the rape of a woman they were enlisted to help. Though they were only convicted of official misconduct, the case struck a chord with New Yorkers, especially among victims of sexual assault, who often hesitate to report their rapes.

"Even though the officers were acquitted, nothing could undermine public trust in the police — who are supposed to be guardians of people — more than charges that they use their unique powers to do good to perpetrate evil," said John Jay professor and former NYPD officer and city prosecutor Eugene O'Donnell.

New Yorkers are indeed fed up and disappointed with the NYPD immediately after an embarrassing public gaffe. But the police force's overall approval rating never dips too low.

Are New Yorkers willing to forgive in exchange for safety — and if so, how long will that last?

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Black eyes

- West African immigrant Amadou Diallo was killed in 1999 in front of his Bronx apartment after he was shot 19 times by officers who said they thought he was reaching for a gun. He was unarmed. The four officers were acquitted of second-degree murder charges.

- Police shot and killed 23-year-old Sean Bell the night before his wedding in 2006, when officers fired 50 bullets at the car he was in with friends. Three detectives who said they thought he had a gun were indicted but acquitted in 2008. The city paid a $7 million lawsuit to his friends and family.
- 33-year-old Vionique Valnord of Brooklyn was killed while hailing a taxi when she was struck by an SUV driven by a drunk, off-duty NYPD officer in 2009.
- Michael Mineo publicly accused three cops of assaulting and sodomizing him with a baton in a Brooklyn subway station in October 2008. The three officers were acquitted in February, 2010.

- Shem Walker was shot and killed during a scuffle with an undercover NYPD officer who was sitting on the stoop of his mother's Fort Greene home in 2009. Walker, who was unarmed, supposedly had no idea the man was a cop.
- Michael Daragjati, a white NYPD officer, pleaded guilty to civil rights violations after he bragged about arresting a black man in Staten Island in April of 2011.
- Officer Emmanuel Tavarez pleaded guilty in April 2011 to robbing drug dealers of cash and drugs.

- NYPD officer Michael Pena was charged with the rape of a woman who said he attacked her when she asked him for directions while he was off-duty in Inwood in August 2011.
- Seventeen police officers were indicted in September of 2011 in an alleged ticket-fixing scandal that got rid of traffic tickets for friends and family members with the help of cops.
- Five NYPD cops were busted in October of 2011 for smuggling firearms and slot machines as part of a 12-person theft ring. The operation had been under federal surveillance the entire time.
- An AP investigation in 2011 revealed the NYPD had been spying on New York Muslims by infiltrating mosques and student groups.
- Commissioner Ray Kelly announced new infrared technology that will help police detect whether someone is carrying a gun without frisking them in January 2012. Critics argue that the tactic is invasive and unconstitutional.

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▶ Nearly half of New Yorkers polled in October disapproved of the way the NYPD handled the policing of Occupy Wall Street.

Some suggest outside review and retraining

Even after a scandal-ridden year for the NYPD, Mayor Michael Bloomberg made no direct reference to the gaffes during his 2012 State of the City Address earlier this month. Instead, he called the NYPD the best police force in the world.

"Commissioner [Ray] Kelly has done an outstanding job making sure that New York's Finest are also the most upstanding," Bloomberg said.

In what may have been a subtle nod to the rash of bad press, the mayor announced he would beef up attorney staffing by adding four lawyers to the Commission to Combat Police Corruption, which was established in 1995 to oversee anti-corruption programs within the NYPD. It is separate from the police force, but its strength is limited by its lack of subpoena power.

Sunita Patel, an attorney for the Center for Constitutional Rights, suggests New York City adopt an independent monitoring bureau, like those in New Orleans and Cincinnati, to increase transparency and rebuild trust.

"After someone has been a cop four or five years, pull them off the street ... and retrain them. My guess is you'll get a better cop back."
ATTORNEY KEN RAMSEUR

"The police can't be trusted to police themselves right now," Patel said. "Instead, the police hide from public scrutiny."

Kenneth Ramseur, an attorney whose clients include both police officers and those who sue the NPYD, said he believes many of the police force's publicized mistakes are the result of poor training.

"After someone has been a cop four or five years, pull them off the street, give them a sabbatical and retrain them," Ramseur said. The NYPD did not respond to inquiries about whether officers receive refresher training at any point during their careers.

Stop and frisk: A violation of constitutional rights?

Stop-and-frisk tactics, introduced under Mayor Rudy Giuliani's administration and stepped up by Mayor Michael Bloomberg, let cops pat down anyone they suspect of a crime. Critics call it unconstitutional, while Bloomberg and NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly credit the practice with lower crime rates and more arrests.

Attorney Kenneth Ramseur said stop-and-frisk is just another way for police to keep up with arrest statistics, though they rarely lead to a conviction.

"He's not telling you the cops aren't showing up in court and the cases are getting dismissed," Ramseur said of Kelly. "He's being deceitful to the public."

Sunita Patel, an attorney working on Floyd, et al. v. City of New York, et al., a class-action lawsuit on its way to trial that challenges stop-and-frisk tactics as unconstitutional acts of racial profiling, said minorities are most frequently targeted.

"Unfortunately the NYPD has built a reputation of harassing black and brown residents rather than fighting crime," Patel said. "This means that trust is eroded and communities are less safe."

SOURCE: CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

By the numbers

600,601
Stop and frisks in 2010

87%
Of people stopped and frisked were black or Latino

.13%
Of stop and frisks resulted in the discovery of a firearm

7%
Of stop and frisks resulted in an arrest

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▶ New Yorkers protest police brutality.

On the subject

A call for limits for city chief of police

▶ Kelly

Ray Kelly is the only police commissioner in city history to hold the position for two non-consecutive terms. He started his most recent run in 2002 and has remained at the post throughout Mayor Michael Bloomberg's time in office. Kelly was criticized last year in the wake of the NYPD's handling of Occupy Wall Street and attention surrounding stop-and-frisk policies.

Eugene O'Donnell, a former NYPD officer and prosecutor who now teaches at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, suggests six-year term limits for the police commissioner, citing the danger of a role that goes relatively unchecked for an unlimited period of time.

"The Police Commissioner has the power to influence policing strategies, relationships with the community and the overall effectiveness and tone of law enforcement which in a practical way exceeds the power of the mayor," O'Donnell said.

"Concentrating power in the hands of any one person for too long a period invites abuse," he added.

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Health scares of the stars

The Australians must be desperate.

They've flown **Kevin Federline**, 33, all the way to their country to star in their weight-loss reality show, "Excess Baggage" (because, apparently, "Celebrity Fit Club" worked out so well for him). But their workouts were too much for the former dancer/chronic egg fertilizer, and, according to local reports, his heart went "PopoZão" and he was rushed to a hospital with chest pains. It was so severe that according to local reports, Federline suffered a "mini heart-attack" (which sounds like an oxymoron if there ever was one).

▶ Federline

Meanwhile, on the other side of the world, **Tracy Morgan** was also rushed to the hospital in Park City, Utah, on Monday after he collapsed at the Creative Coalition Spotlight Awards. A source told the Hollywood Reporter that, "Morgan seemed inebriated, yelling and falling onto the ground."

I know what you are thinking and no, it was not booze. It was the altitude at the Sundance Film Festival that felled the "30 Rock" star. Per his rep: "From a combination of exhaustion and altitude, Tracy is seeking medical attention. He is with his fiancee and grateful to the Park City Medical Center for their care. Any reports of Tracy consuming alcohol are 100 percent false."

This is one of those rare occasions that a PR statement is true: The hospital reports that Morgan did not have alcohol or drugs in his system when he was admitted.

Morgan and his fiancee shortly before his collapse.

▶ Klum and Seal

Klum and Seal: Yup, it's over

Heidi Klum and **Seal** have confirmed that they are separating after seven years together, according to People magazine. "While we have enjoyed seven very loving, loyal and happy years of marriage, after much soul-searching we have decided to separate," Klum says in a statement. "We have had the deepest respect for one another throughout our relationship and continue to love each other very much, but we have grown apart. This is an amicable process, and protecting the well-being of our children remains our top priority, especially during this time of transition." Seal and Klum are parents to Leni, 7, Henry, 6, Johan, 5, and Lou, 2. No zinger of a remark here — just sadness.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Alyssa Milano is mad at her phone, Steve Martin is ready to serve, Kathy Najimy is feeling fatigued, and Donald Glover is learning things from TV.

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@SteveMartinToGo: Waiting for call asking me to do halftime show at Superbowl with solo banjo. How will I control fans rushing stage? Details to work out.

@kathynajimy: want a great idea for a good invention? swollen feet you can screw off at the end of the day and store on the shelf.

@DonaldGlover: watchin french children's show explain how to make a homemade alarm for your sack lunch. If it was in black & white, it'd be a masterpiece

Milano

Talking points

Ron Howard is a happy grandpa

Bryce Dallas Howard gave birth to a daughter, Beatrice, late last week, the second child for Bryce and husband **Seth Gabel**, according to People magazine. And it was proud grandfather **Ron Howard** who broke the news, posting on Twitter, "Bryce & Baby B are spectacular Daddy Seth & brother Theo are beaming ear to ear." While the gender of the baby was kept a secret until the birth, Bryce previously said that her 4-year-old son, Theo, had predicted it would be a girl.

▶ Ron and Bryce Dallas Howard

Cowell is single yet again

Simon Cowell says his engagement to **Mezhgan Hussainy** is off — and the relationship is as well, in a way. "It's quite a complicated relationship. We have had a break from each other, and we are still incredibly close," Cowell tells the Sunday Mirror. "I'm vulnerable. It's not on, it's not off, it's somewhere in the middle. I don't know if I will ever get married, but I am happy." As for his gushing about Hussainy being "the one" during an interview with **Piers Morgan** when the couple was first engaged, Cowell says, "I have been pretty good about not talking about my private stuff, but I got caught up in the moment."

Reynolds and Lively hit the Big Easy

After spending time together in New York, Boston and Vancouver, **Blake Lively** and **Ryan Reynolds** have taken their city-hopping romance south to New Orleans, where they were spotted all over town last weekend, according to People magazine. On Friday, the pair stopped in at ice cream shop Creole Creamery. "Ryan comes in here sometimes when he's in town," a source says. "They did leave the store holding hands, though — supersweet!"

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More from Sundance — and one wax Michael Jackson

1. Tonya Lee, **Chris Rock** and filmmaker **Spike Lee** showed up at the after-party for the Sundance premiere of "Red Hook Summer" on Sunday in Park City, Utah.

2. Comedy's greatest couple, **Nick Offerman** and **Megan Mullally**, attended the "Smashed" premiere during the film festival.

3. Three **Michael Jackson** wax figures — from The Jackson Five, the "Bad" era and the "This Is It" era — were displayed during the launch of the traveling exhibition "The Michael Jackson Experience" at Madame Tussauds on Sunday in Washington, D.C.

4. Bar Refaeli and **Cameron Diaz** were in the audience for the Dior Haute-Couture 2012 show as part of Paris Fashion Week on Monday in Paris.

5. Common attended the SAGIndie Actors Only brunch during Sundance on Sunday in Utah.

6. Guess who else is at Sundance? **Nicole "Coco" Austin** and her husband **Ice-T**. The duo posed for a portrait at the Getty Images Portrait Studio on Sunday in Park City.

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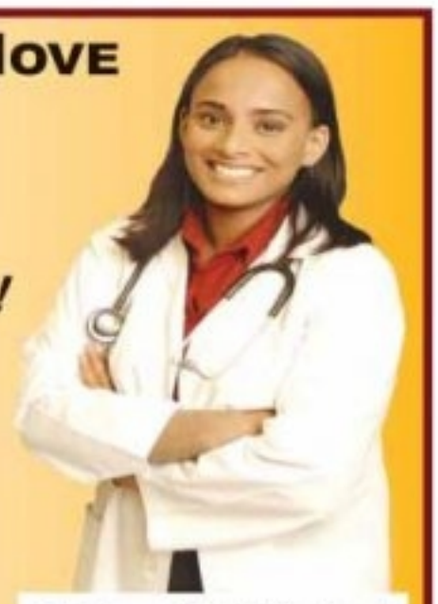

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Friend is a four-letter word

At once delightful and heartbreaking, 'Jack Holmes and His Friend' explores what happens when a man loves a man who loves women For prolific author Edmund White, it was a chance to play it straight

When it comes to affairs of the heart, the titular characters of the new novel "Jack Holmes and His Friend" are inept, but charmingly so. Spanning over two decades before and during gay liberation in New York City, the book chronicles the unrequited love that reluctantly gay Jack feels for his homophobic best friend Will. Contempt stokes the flames of desire in both men's volatile romantic relationships and even in their own friendship. But social taboos never break the odd couple's bond and, ultimately, they draw the two closer. We asked author, critic and professor Edmund White for his thoughts on love and the pursuits of happiness.

Jack's most valued friendship is with Will, who he never crosses the line with. Do you think one can be friends with another if sexual attraction is an ulterior motive?

The person in love spends all of his time wooing and studying and adjusting to the whims of the other. Part of friendship is that total concentration on another person. Love is a good motivator.

Have you had any friendships like Jack and Will's?

I've had close friendships with gay men who didn't reciprocate my sexual feelings. So I know what it's like. A friend of mine said, "I think that Jack seems so childish. Only a teenager would feel that way." But in my case, I really was hopelessly in love with a friend of mine for years.

While we get to know both friends intimately, the title and chronology of the book put Jack in the forefront. Yet Will is the one written in the first-person.

I wanted Jack to remain mysterious; I wanted a change of pace when I got to Will. I thought it would be a challenge to write in the first-person about a straight man. It's what novelists like to do; to imagine what a different existence is like.

The characters judge themselves more harshly than the outside world does. What advice would you give a writer like Will who can't get past his own demons in order to fulfill his dreams?

You need to forget the outside world for a while. If your motivation is to have everybody envy you, it's never going to be satisfying. You have to take pleasure in the act of writing. Oftentimes I suggest to my students that they take moments from their lives but have other people lead them. I gave Jack the trajectory of my early years but he's not like me. He's not ambitious, he's not a writer, he's better looking than I was [laughs] and so on. And he's closeted until way into his 20s, which I never was.

Jack disassociates himself from gay rights movements. Do you think, in 2012, either Jack or Will would support gay marriage?

Jack is pretty conservative. The two boys share that — they're both stuffy, upper-middle class people who have a kind of Mitt Romney quality. It was another way I could distinguish between myself and Jack. I was active in gay liberation; I was at Stonewall and one of the founders of the Gay Men's Health Crisis. That's almost the opposite of Jack, who's not sure he wants to be identified as gay. I think they probably wouldn't like gay marriage. Though he's a lapsed Catholic, Will has Catholic values. And Jack wouldn't see the point. Even though at the end he has a partner he's dedicated to, he would reject something that seemed too gay. Marriage would seem too gay to him.

ANDREW FLADEBOE

▶ White

A historical dimension

"In the beginning, in 1962, Will thinks he's very noble to have a gay friend because he's terrified that people might think he's gay," says White about exploring shifts in perceptions toward the gay community in the book. "But by the '70s, Will sees it's chic to be gay. Gay people have been on a rapid cycle, oppressed in the '50s, exalted in the '60s, even glorified in the '70s and then almost wiped out in the '80s. That was something I wanted to capture."

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Do wanna be an 'American Idiot'

Three best friends want to escape the doldrums of Suburbia, U.S.A., in "American Idiot."

Jake Epstein, who plays one of those friends, says he can relate.

"You grow up wanting to bang your head onto something, just to entertain yourself," says Epstein, who is most recognizable from his "Degrassi" days.

"I'm one of the very few Canadians in the cast," says the performer, who grew up outside of Toronto. "Coming to the U.S. feels a bit like leaving suburbia."

Right before his character, Will, plans to escape to the city, he finds out that his girlfriend is pregnant.

"So Will gets left behind," says Epstein. "He spends the majority of the show on a couch, smoking and drinking himself into a depression."

Green Day lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong wrote the musical based off the punk rock band's 2004 "American Idiot" album.

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▶ See Epstein, far right, in "American Idiot" tonight through Sunday at Boston Opera House. For tickets, call 617-259-3400 or visit www.broadwayinboston.com.

'Boulevard of Broken Dreams'

The show takes place in 2004, and it has some political undertones. "There's a character that goes to war. Another spirals into a world of drugs. Then there's my character, who's going nowhere in his life. It sounds a bit depressing, now that I'm saying it all out loud," says Epstein with a laugh. "But these are realities that people deal with."

"All the storytelling is told through Green Day's original songs," Epstein says. "There's very little dialogue, so you really have to listen to the lyrics."

The performer says he'll always have a soft spot for the band, not just because of this musical: "The very first concert I went to was a Green Day concert when I was 12. I begged my parents to allow me to go. ... It really opened my eyes to a world of performing and rock music."

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TV watch list

'All-Star Dealers'

REALITY. Who would drop a few grand on a stinky jersey worn by someone else? Plenty of die-hard sports fans — and they're all bidding for the memorabilia featured in "All-Star Dealers," the latest reality series following a group of auctioneers and their wares. **Series premiere, 8 p.m., Discovery**

'Joan & Melissa: Joan Knows Best?'

REALITY. Melissa stages a plastic surgery intervention for Joan. Hasn't she seen the title of this reality series? **Season premiere, 9 p.m., WEtv**

'Southland'

DRAMA. Regina King's Det. Adams tries to charm information about a suspect out of a grandmother, who, in a nice touch of casting, is played by the actress's former "227" co-star, Marla Gibbs.
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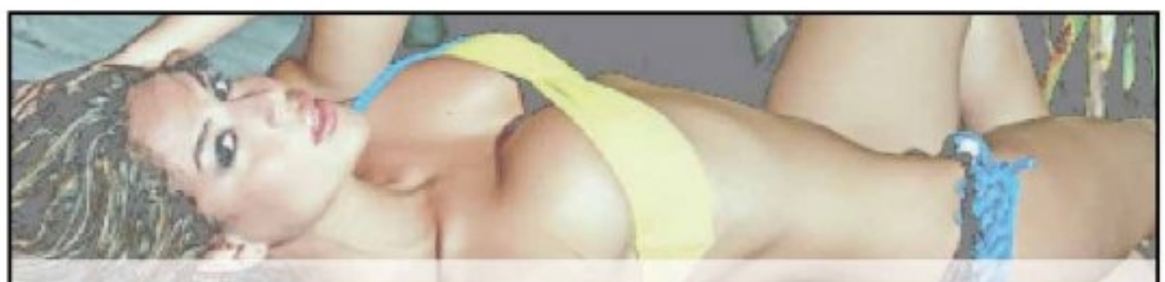

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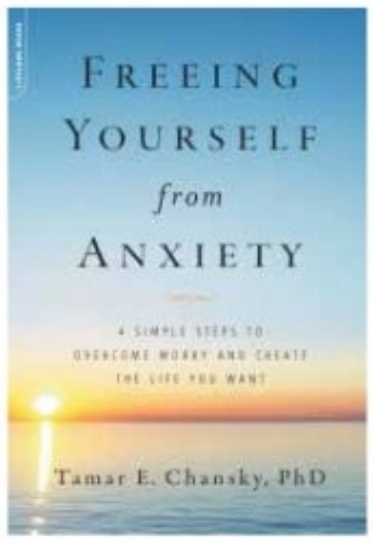

How to not be an anxious parent

Every mom or dad can (and will!) beat themselves up over a parenting misstep here and there. But if you're constantly berating yourself — and your negative thoughts are taking over — you should accept that in life, and especially in parenting, nobody's perfect. Let Tamar E. Chansky, Ph.D., author of "Freeing Yourself from Anxiety," teach you how.

▶ **Let go of expectations:** Whether it's your expectations for your child that he never pick his nose in public and always get straight A's, or your expectations for yourself — that your kitchen counters always sparkle and your clothes never have PB and J on them — let them go. Real life has smudges, crumbs and B-minuses. If all of our energy is spent warding these moments off, we'll be stressed to the max and we'll miss out on what's really happening in our lives.

▶ **Choose your support wisely:** If your social network consists of people who compare their kids and worry about their 5-year-old not getting into Harvard, keep looking! Parenting is hard enough without other parents raising the stakes and your blood pressure. Seek out other parents who share your values and desire for sanity.

▶ **Allow your child to struggle (a little):** We race ahead trying to remove every obstacle for our children. Like us, kids learn best from their mistakes, so let them have them. Resilience is like a muscle: It benefits from practice.

▶ **Allow yourself some worry time:** Worry is a natural part of life and of love. If your worry is becoming the default mode every day, make it wait for your attention. Schedule five minutes each day when you go into that dark tunnel, and if worry comes at you at other times, tell it that it's not time yet. When it's worry time, make two columns: Fears on one side, facts on the other. Fear always gets the story wrong — recite the facts of the matter. METRO

Expert tip

Don't jump to conclusions: When our children cry at a birthday party or the first day of school, we race ahead to the future and catastrophize that they will always be this way. Snap back to the present. Things may be hard now, but with your help and acceptance, your children will move through these struggles.

Tips

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▶ It doesn't have to be so scary.

Ease the ouch

If your kid's due for a vaccination, try these tips from Stefan Friedrichsdorf, M.D., a medical director at Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota.

▶ **Ask for numbing cream:** Certain sprays and creams can help take the pain out of a jab. When you book the appointment, find out what your doctor recommends.

▶ **Let your child be in charge:** The more control he has, the less scary the visit will be. Ask which arm he'd like the shot in or if he wants to sit on the table or in your lap.

▶ **Provide distractions:** Give your kid a bottle of bubbles during the injection. The act of blowing will relax him and give him something else to focus on.

▶ **Stay calm:** Don't use high-anxiety words such as "hurt" or "needle." Instead, talk about something fun: "Do you want to go to the library after this?"

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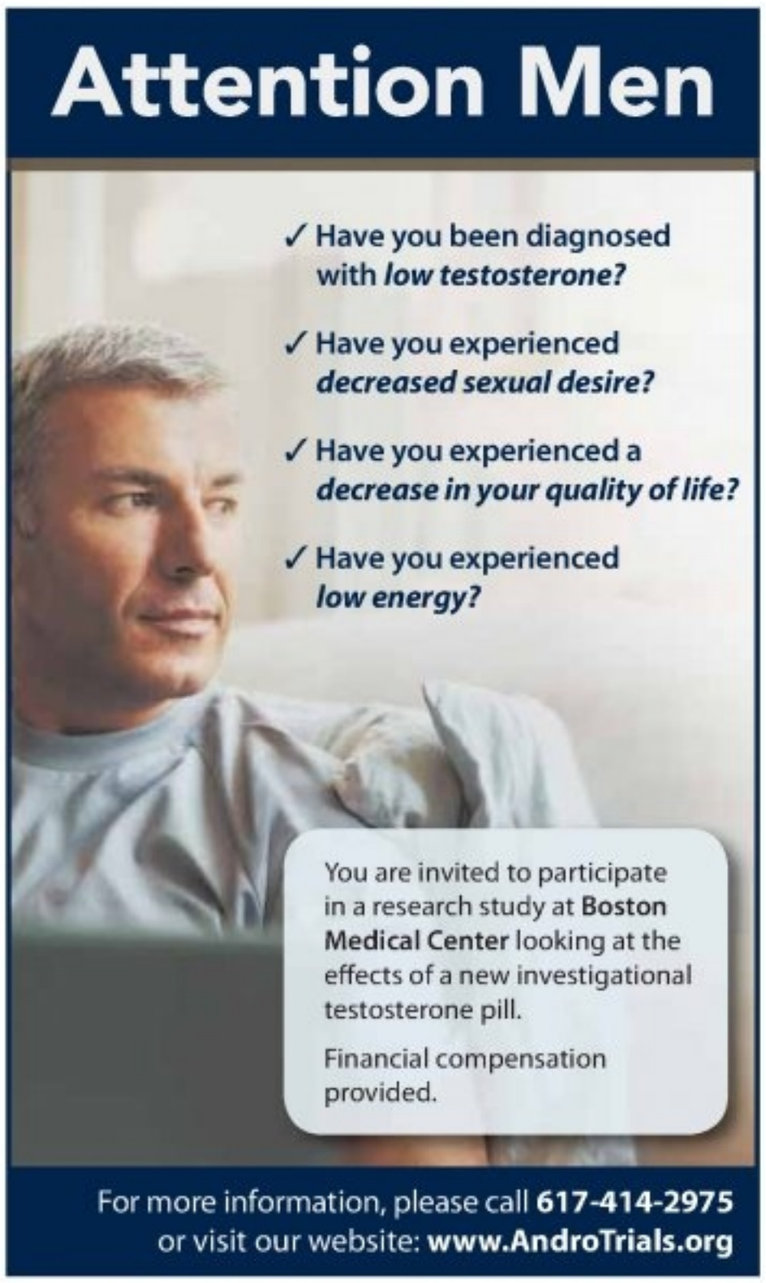
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Corporations must not vote too much

RE: "YOU KNOW, MITT, THIS MEANS WAR:" I guess, for South Carolinians, Mitt Romney went 12.5 percent too far when he declared with his all-purpose smile that corporations are people too. Either that or they relate better to a mean man than they do to a robber baron because they have lost hope of ever becoming one, thanks to the food stamp president and then some. **SUZY SANDOR, VIA E-MAIL**

Need advice: Where is Jonathan Alpert?

I am a longtime Metro reader and a fan of Jonathan Alpert's column. Matter of fact, I have been reading his column since June of 2006. I remember the time because it was right about the time I got married and he wrote a column about pre-wedding anxiety and it hit the mark with what I was going through. His column rocks! I haven't seen his column for what seems like a few months and wonder where he is. He gives really good advice rather than what everyone else is doing: offering bland, generic advice that can be found anywhere. Please bring back some real advice, the type that has gotten me and my girlfriends through so many dramas over the years. **SARAH GOLDMAN, VIA E-MAIL**

"As a society we are promoting betrayal, violence, bullying and promiscuity."

Where are today's role models? Our youth look up to sports players and TV personalities, who leave much to be desired. It seems to me that as a society we are promoting betrayal, violence, promiscuity and bullying. Let me also point out the video games being sold to our youth, some of which are quite violent and sexually explicit. That is a sad commentary about our society today. There was a time when our political leaders, sports figures, movies and television personalities presented the proper moral compass. Today's media want to shape our youth in what they perceive today's youth should be and not what is right and not possessing properly displayed behavior. I guess good moral programing doesn't sell commercial products. **FREDERICK R. BEDELL JR., VIA E-MAIL**

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National joke is what's 'despicable'

The four clowns who are left in the Republican presidential debates are a joke. Gingrich is a lecherous old man who cheated on his wives; Romney a pompous elitist who destroys companies and families all for his own profit (which he hides in overseas bank accounts); Santorum a religious fanatic who believes in Noah and the great flood yet doubts global warming; and Paul who seems to make sense in some aspects — that is, if you disregard his racist views as well as those of his son, Sen. Rand Paul. As to Gingrich calling John King despicable for asking about his wifely scandal, that's his job as moderator! King should have informed Gingrich that "despicable" would be a way to describe someone who would serve his wife with divorce papers on her hospital bed where she was undergoing cancer treatment. How presidential. **ROBERT LA ROSA, VIA E-MAIL**

Horoscope

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Because of your deft management, situations that normally would be causing all kinds of problems will be easy to digest. You'll have the fortitude to handle everything well.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** In order to perform more effectively, you should do your best to move at a measured pace. This will give you plenty of time to study each step before you make a committed leap.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** You'll get your chance to finally meet a person whom you always wanted to know. Spoiler alert: This individual is exactly what you thought he or she would be like.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Be dedicated and persistent about your objectives, and you will be able to accomplish exactly what you want to do in the manner that you want to do it.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Your imagination and your experiences are two of the most valuable assets you possess. You should always rely on your ideas and perceptions to tell you what things are all about.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If there is someone in dire need of your help to rectify a matter that she or he has been unable to handle alone, give freely of your time and talents to help where you can.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** The cooperation of your associates will be far easier to acquire if you first show them that what you intend to do will be as good for them as it is likely to be for you.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** To have a productive day, establish your own schedule and pace, and don't depend on anyone to do anything for you. Nothing will be accomplished if you wait for others to help.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** A pleasant experience is likely if you plan something such as lunch with good friends. Getting caught up on news will be fun, but simply seeing old chums will be the best part.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Going out on the town isn't likely to be as much fun as having your pals over to your place for a friendly get-together. Plan something simple that everyone would enjoy.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Getting out and about will help soothe your restless spirit. Call some friends and pick several places to go that you know everyone would relish.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Wearing out shoe leather is a lot cheaper than spending more dollars than necessary. Take the time to do some comparison shopping and it'll pay off more handsomely than you think. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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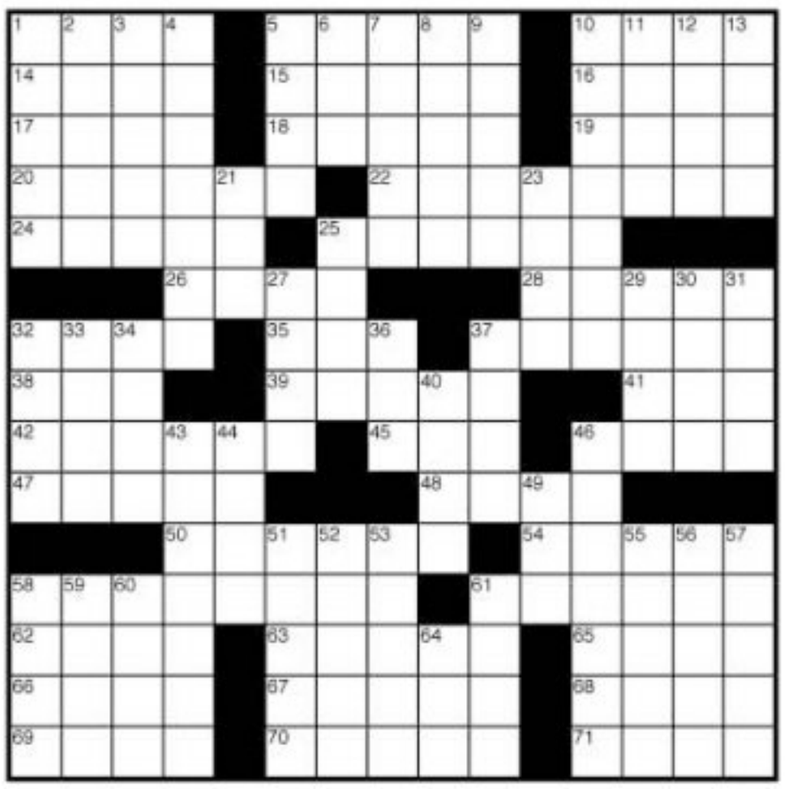

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2012: All eyes on London

With 11 billion pounds invested in the Summer Olympics, now is the perfect time to pay a visit

The 2012 Summer Olympic Games don't kick off until July 27, but London has undergone a giant transformation since it was picked in 2005 as the event's host site. Metro talked with Chloe Couchman, Head of Communications for Business & Major Events for the London & Partners, the city's official promotional organization, about what London has done to prep for the millions of new visitors. Now is the perfect time to book a trip to the city — sports or no.

London has gotten a huge, expensive face-lift. "We've seen [more than] 11 billion pounds' worth of investment — that's everything from new stations to new rail lines to new hotels," says Couchman about the huge improvements the city has undergone since it was picked as host by the International Olympic Committee. "Getting the Olympics means a huge halo effect for the entire city. The amount of regeneration and change because of it is huge."

Londoners are ready to party. "We've been hosting the Cultural Olympiad since they handed the baton over to London in 2008; it's the largest cultural celebration in the history of the modern Olympic and Paralympic Movements," Couchman notes. "That means amazing art shows and famous artists who come to take part in special, one-off exhibits and events here." With the Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee taking place, as well as The World Shakespeare Festival and the 200th birthday of Charles Dickens, she notes: "Londoners are in quite the party mode and ready to welcome the world." She suggests checking out the Limited Edition London segment on their website, **www.visitlondon.com**, to learn more about other cultural events taking place in 2012.

Even if you don't have an Olympic ticket, there are still plenty of ways to take advantage of the Olympics. Couchman names three such events: The Triathlon held in Hyde Park, the marathon and the road cycling event. "You can still see amazing athletes with London as an iconic backdrop," she notes. There will also be communal spaces all over the city to watch the broadcast competitions.

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The English National Ballet, National Dance Company Wales and Scottish Ballet join force. More cultural events can be found at www.london2012.com.

Where to stay

Couchman says if you want to plan a visit in 2012 to visit London, it's best to do your research first. "Try to use official websites, like Visitlondon.com and London2012.com to find out essential information," she advises. She says there are accommodations for every price point, from campsites to 5-star hotels. One such 5-star hotel? The Jumeirah Carlton Tower, which is located right in the heart of fashionable Knightsbridge, one of the world's most exclusive shopping havens. If you can tear yourself away from one of their luxurious rooms, Harrods and Harvey Nichols, as well as luxury designer boutiques on Sloane Street, are just a stroll away.

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By the numbers

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- **294,000:** International overnight visitors
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- **5.5 million:** Amount of day visitors over the entire Olympic period (people from the U.K. and Europe)

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Thanks chief, I'm good

Bruins goaltender Thomas snubs President Obama by not showing up to White House ceremony Conservative netminder wants absolutely nothing to do with Democratic leader

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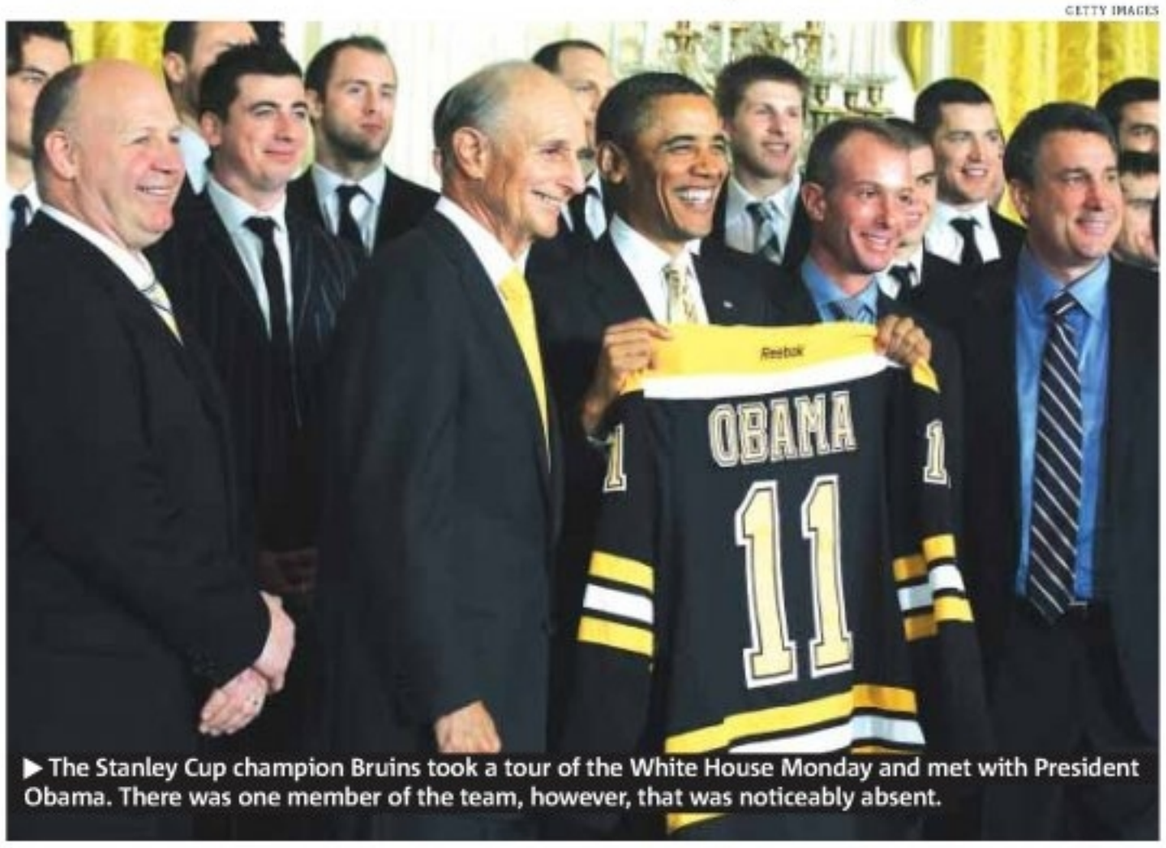

▶ The Stanley Cup champion Bruins took a tour of the White House Monday and met with President Obama. There was one member of the team, however, that was noticeably absent.

President Barack Obama indicated that he was a fan of Tim Thomas and the Bruins at the White House yesterday.

Apparently the feeling is less than mutual.

The Bruins goaltender was the only member of the 2011 Stanley Cup winning team to not show up at the traditional championship ceremony in Washington. Thomas is said to be of strong conservative beliefs and once mentioned former FOX News personality Glenn Beck as the "person he'd most like to have dinner with."

On his Facebook page last night, Thomas explained his reasoning.

"I believe the Federal government has grown out of control, threatening the Rights, Liberties, and Property of the People," Thomas wrote. "This is being done at the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial level. This is in direct opposition to the Constitution and the Founding Fathers vision for the Federal government. Because I believe this, today I exercised my right as a Free Citizen, and did not visit the White House. This was not about politics or party, as in my opinion both parties are responsible for the situation we are in as a country. This was about a choice I had to make as an INDIVIDUAL. This is the only public statement I will be making on this topic. TT"

Bruins GM Peter Chiarelli said that attendance at this particular event was not mandatory.

"I can require someone to attend a team event. If they don't, I can suspend him," Chiarelli told The Boston Globe. "I'm not suspending Tim. Whatever his position is, it isn't reflective of the Boston Bruins nor my own. But I'm not suspending him."

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Sports and politics

Tim Thomas certainly isn't the only pro sports figure to let his political beliefs be known:

- **Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling** said on "Good Morning America" just a day after the Red Sox won their first World Series in 86 years: "Make sure you tell everybody to vote and to vote [George W.] Bush next week."
- **Celtics head coach Doc Rivers** was scheduled to take part in a fundraiser for the Obama campaign prior to the end of the NBA lockout.
- **Celtics President Danny Ainge** recently donated $2,500 to the Romney campaign.
- **Colts quarterback Peyton Manning** recently donated $5,000 to Republican Sen. Bob Corker.
- **Boxing legend Muhammad Ali** famously resisted being drafted into service during the Vietnam War and was part of dozens of anti-war protests.

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"Skip, stop that. I know what you're doing ... Be an analyst. Don't be a d—bag. You know what I mean."

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Pats with short memories

Week 9 loss to Giants will be the primary fuel for new batch of Patriots
Brady one of just a few with bitter taste from epic Super Bowl XLII

Super Bowl XLVI will be all about payback ... from the Patriots' Week 9 loss to the Giants earlier this season.

What, did you really think Bill Belichick would be preaching to his team about how the Giants foiled the Patriots perfect season in 2007?

While every Patriots fan clearly points to that dreadful night nearly four years ago as ammunition for this year's Big Game, just getting to the Super Bowl — regardless of opponent — is enough to light a fire under any team.

"This is a new team, they're a new team, and we just have to focus on the here and now."
PATRIOTS WR MATTHEW SLATER

"It's just exciting to be in the Super Bowl," kicker Stephen Gostkowski said. "It doesn't matter who we play. I'm just excited for the opportunity and excited to be back. Whether we beat the Giants or beat any other team, being able to call ourselves world champions will be sweet no matter what."

Gostkowski is just one of a handful of players left from either team from Super Bowl XLII. Just ask Julian Edelman.

"Eight there, five here," he said without skipping a beat — a sure sign that Belichick has already gotten to the team.

Pressed further, Edelman admitted he hasn't sensed anything resembling "revenge" in the locker room yet.

"It really isn't [relevant]. This is a new year. Like I said, we're two totally different teams."

Sure, there's been a lot of turnover from that season, but a few truly key players on both teams remain.

Obviously, the most notable holdover would be Tom Brady. He's already admitted that he can't watch film of that game (join the crowd), and you can bet that even if he doesn't admit it, a win in two weeks would mean a little something extra.

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Scutaro trade sends many mixed signals

▶ Marco Scutaro was dealt to Colorado Saturday.

No Red Sox fan wants to hear the term "bridge year" ever again.

That was the theme of the forgettable 2010 Red Sox, coined by departed GM Theo Epstein, which led to Fenway fans watching Daniel Nava, Darnell McDonald and Jeremy Hermida on a nightly basis.

As we inch closer to the 2012 Red Sox season, however, that uncomfortable phrase is once again being tossed around by fans.

On Saturday night, GM Ben Cherington shipped shortstop Marco Scutaro to Colorado in exchange for pitcher Clayton Mortensen. In the deal, Boston wiped away $7.67 million from its 2012 payroll.

9 Roy Oswalt had just nine wins and checked in with 10 losses for the powerhouse Phillies last year. The 34-year-old posted 20-win seasons in 2004 and '05.

If the Red Sox can turn this extra cash into a deal for a starting pitcher, which has been heavily rumored, then the Colorado swap will be applauded by the masses.

Starter Roy Oswalt has been mentioned as a possibility in Boston. METRO/MB

News in brief

49ers' Williams receives threats

San Francisco receiver and kick returner Kyle Williams received death threats on social media outlets following Sunday's NFC championship game.

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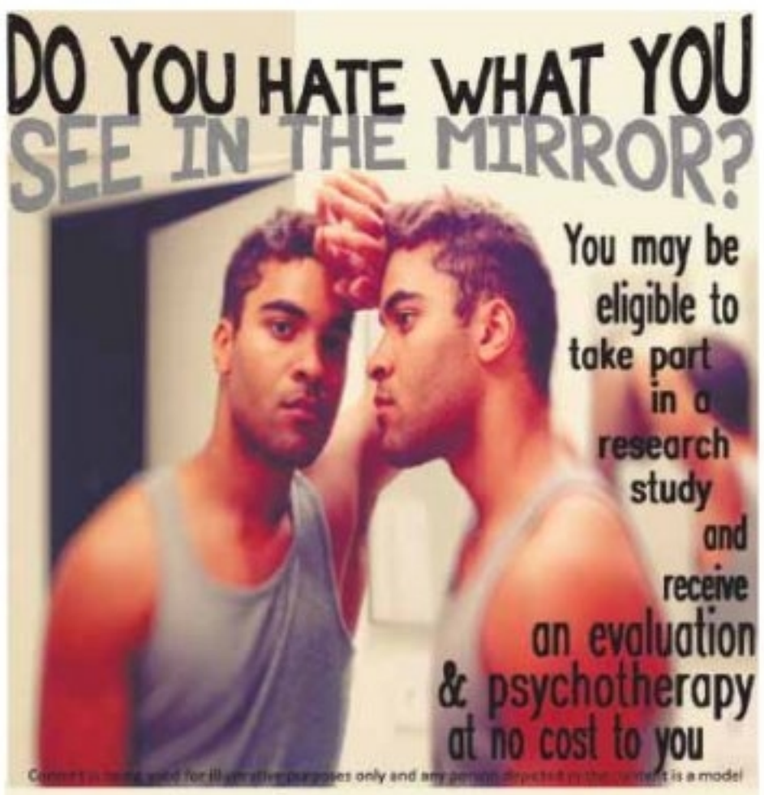
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